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REFS: A. USNATO 2202; B. USNATO 1806

1. WE AGREE THAT MINISTERS SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO REVIEW
ANY REPORT THAT IS INADEQUATE.

2. MISSION SHOULD REVIEW PAPER TO DETERMINE IF MAJOR
FAULTS OF INADEQUACY CAN BE REMEDIED BY DELETING DATA
REFERRING TO YEARS AFTER 1974. PURPOSE OF ANNUAL SPRING
REVIEW IS TO DETERMINE WHERE WE CURRENTLY STAND, WHAT WE
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HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, AND WHETHER THE CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS OF

THE NATO DEFENSE PROGRAM ARE IN BALANCE. WE DO NOT SEE PROJECTIONS OF FUTURE SPENDING AS ESSENTIAL TO REVIEW OF CURRENT CAPABILITIES AND PROBLEMS.

3. WE CONTINUE TO SEE UTILITY IN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF NATO DEFENSE EFFORT, IF PROPERLY CONDUCTED WITH ADEQUATE DATA. WE LOOK TO MISSION TO WORK WITH IS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE NATO APPROACH FOR FUTURE. IN THIS REGARD WE EXPECT TO SEND WASHINGTON EXPERTS FOR MEETING OF JUNE 20 (REF B), IF MEETING IS CONFIRMED.

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